

Superintendent of Schools

Department Overview

The County Superintendent of Schools is to provide administrative support, information and organization for the schools and communities of Gallatin County. The office must meet the requirements of federal, state, and local codes and policies while providing quality service to the children, families, schools and taxpayers of Gallatin County.

The county superintendent provides administrative services to five rural schools, and for sixteen districts conducts legal hearings of disputes, calculates and correlates county financial information, and acts as record keeper of school information. Home school students register with this office. Information is provided to real estate agents and residents as to the school district in which acreages and homes are located. Also, any property transfers between school districts go through this office.

There are 16 school districts and 35 schools in Gallatin County. Student population is comprised of 10,742 public school students and 1,514 home school and private school students. The County Superintendent supervises 5 independent elementary school districts, with 159 students and 19 full time and part time teachers.

The superintendent's office calculates, correlates and reports transportation and retirement mills totaling 45.26 or \$9,497,136 in tax revenues. All school budgets are reviewed and appropriate reporting and recording is provided.

Department Goals

- Streamline the office to run in an efficient manner within the budget by continually realigning job assignments as needed;
- Implement standardized Performance Measurements;
- Set accurate millage for transportation and retirement for Gallatin County schools;
- Continue close association with school district clerks and board members to understand financial and legal responsibilities;

- Make transition to high school easier for rural school children;
- Monitor rural schools for compliance with Adequate Yearly Progress and Accreditation Standards; and,
- Work with home schools to continue building the necessary trust in this office;
- Provide exceptional service to parents with educational concerns;
- Provide professional development and support for rural school teachers;
- Schedule transportation meeting within legal time limits;
- Continue to provide opportunities to students in rural schools; graduation ceremony, spelling bee, musical concerts, declamation contest, science fair, theater opportunities;
- Attend all IEP and student intake meetings for the five rural schools.

Recent Accomplishments

- Provided fingerprinting services to school personnel as specified by the No Child Left Behind Act, which requires a background check for anyone working with children;
- Networked rural school teachers reducing isolations and enhancing professional development days;
- Networked students in rural schools for easier transition into high schools;
- Increased educational opportunities for rural schools, (i.e. book fair, theatre production, community service,);
- Each of the rural schools achieved adequate yearly progress in compliance with federal law. They also met accreditation standards;
- Maintained employment of highly qualified teachers;
- Serve as facilitator for parent/teacher conferences in rural schools; and,
- Called two county-wide trustee/administrator meetings to facilitate discussions about legislative issues.

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Department Budget

Object of Expenditure	Actual FY 2008	Final FY 2009	Actual FY 2009	Start-Up FY 2010	Request FY 2010	Preliminary FY 2010	Final FY 2010
Personnel	\$ 128,169	\$ 136,145	\$ 130,153	\$ 129,908	\$ 131,408	\$ 131,208	\$ 132,054
Operations	26,594	30,735	22,713	32,118	27,446	27,446	28,006
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlay	16,693	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers Out	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 171,456	\$ 166,880	\$ 152,866	\$ 162,026	\$ 158,854	\$ 158,654	\$ 160,060

Budget by Fund Group

General Fund	\$ 171,456	\$ 166,880	\$ 152,866	\$ 162,026	\$ 158,854	\$ 158,654	\$ 160,060
Special Revenue Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Service Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Project Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enterprise Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Internal Service Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trust & Agency Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 171,456	\$ 166,880	\$ 152,866	\$ 162,026	\$ 158,854	\$ 158,654	\$ 160,060

Funding Sources

Tax Revenues	\$ 79,095	\$ 61,250	\$ 60,025	\$ 61,250	\$ 61,250	\$ 74,516	\$ 79,894
Non-Tax Revenues	59,532	60,269	60,872	60,269	60,269	60,269	60,747
Cash Reappropriated	32,829	45,361	31,969	40,507	37,335	23,869	19,419
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Department Personnel

No. of Positions	FT/PT	Title	FTE
1	Full-Time	Elected Superintendent of Schools	1
1	Full-Time	Secretary	1
Total Program			2

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2010 Budget Highlights

Personnel

- Reduced Temporary wages to minimum coverage

Operations

- Reduced Operations below the amount established in Start-Up Budget.

Capital

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County Commission Goals/Department Response

The County Commission established a set of overarching goals for the county government. Listed below are the County Commission's goals, followed by the methods by which Superintendent of Schools is striving to fulfill those goals.

Exceptional Customer Service

- Provide a sound education for all the school children of Gallatin County.
- Educate school boards as to their legal responsibilities and duties.
- Network students and teachers within the county.
- Work with home school parents in registration and attendance policies.
- Research and courteously answer in a timely manner all educational questions of the general public.
- Provide statistical information on public schools in Gallatin County.

Be Model for Excellence in Government

- Support school boards of the five rural schools to make informed decisions.
- Assist all schools in meeting and maintaining accreditation.
- Help rural schools to achieve adequate yearly progress.
- Meet all reporting deadlines. (OPI reports, trustee reports, school budgets, millage assessment, joint district reports)

Improve Communications

- Provide information on enrollment and budget statistics for all 32 schools.
- Communicate school district boundaries in a clear and concise manner to realtors and the public.

To be the Employer of Choice

- To insure that the teachers in the rural schools are highly qualified.

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WORKLOAD INDICATORS / PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Workload Indicators		Actual FY 2007	Actual FY 2008	Actual FY 2009	Projected FY 2010
Indicator					
1.	Increase in registered certificates for teachers	Unavailable	Unavailable	16%	10%
2.	Reduction in questions from school boards after training	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable
3.	Statistical analysis data on rural schools on tests	Posted	Posted	Posted	Posted
4.	Track financial information	Posted	Posted	Posted	Posted

Performance Measures		Actual FY 2007	Actual FY 2008	Actual FY 2009	Projected FY 2010
Measure					
1.	Public contacts	8,816	8,834	9,550	9,700
2.	Home schooled	477	450	606	625
3.	Public school enrollment-Elementary & H.S.	10,377	10,600	10,742	10,950
4.	Private school enrollment	853	920	899	910

Comments